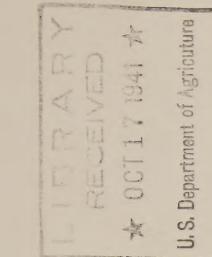


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POSSIBILITIES OF COORDINATION IN PROMOTING FARMHOUSE MODERNIZATION*

Income level	Percentage of families in each group 1/	Kind of farm families involved	Kind of houses now being used	Families' needs	Possible solutions	Field of coordination
Families on relief.	9 percent	Tenants, sharecroppers. Owners. Laborers. Large percentage migratory and colored.	Shacks, no windows, no screens. "Jalopy." Tents.	New houses, structurally sound. Sanitary facilities. Water. Sewage disposal.	Education. Government subsidy. Landlord relationships. Migratory camps. Education. Self-help.	Financial aids. Education. Research. Group management.
Nonrelief families Less than \$250 net family income a year.	3 percent.	Tenants, sharecroppers, negro and white. Largely in South. Some home owners in Appalachian Mountains.	Shacks, no modern improvements. Sanitation bad. Rural slums.	Subsidy. How to do carpentering, plumbing, and painting. Loans. How to keep house in repair.	Education. Government subsidy. Landlord relationships. Self-help.	Education. Research. Financial aid. Group management.
\$250-\$750 net family income a year.	29 percent.	Tenants, sharecroppers, farm laborers, owners. All over U. S. on poorer land. Largely white.	Poorly constructed houses. No improvements. Poorly heated. Crowding due to large families. Houses in need of repair.	How to keep house in repair. Cooperatives. Loans. Attitude - "As good a house as automobile."	Education. Landlord relationships. Government subsidy. Loans. Self-help.	Education. Research. Loans. Group management.
\$750-\$1,250 net family income a year.	27 percent.	Tenants, owners.	Better constructed homes. Few modern conveniences. Highly mortgaged farms.	Loans. Cooperatives. Keen competition between tractor and house.	Education, loans. Publicity on good housing advantages. City versus rural standards.	Education. Research. Loans. Group management.
\$1,250-\$2,500 net family income a year.	25 percent.	Tenants - Central States. Owners.	Houses have running water, furnace, electricity, painted.	Education. Leadership for others. Young people learn house-building skills.	Education. Cooperatives. Young people learn house-building skills.	Education. Loans.
Above \$2,500 net family income a year.	7 percent.	Owners, managers.	Well built with modern equipment.	Leadership for others.	Can hire architects and other services.	Education.

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